

REMARKS

The present response is responsive to the Office Action dated June 19, 2007. It is noted that the Office Action states that claims 1 to 41 are pending in this application. However, in the amendment filed March 21, 2007, claims 30, 31, and 33 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The claims currently pending in this application are therefore claims 1 to 29, 32, and 34 to 41.

In the current Office Action, the Examiner has requested election of one of the following species for examination purposes:

Species I – Figure 1 (i.e. arm assembly of Figures 1 to 6 which has at least one pivot axis non-perpendicular to the other two pivot axes).

Species II – Figure 8 (i.e. arm assembly of Figures 8 to 10 which has no two pivot axes perpendicular, in other words all three pivot axes are non-perpendicular).

By this response, Applicant elects Invention I, Figures 1 to 6, for examination, without prejudice. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claim 1 is generic to both species. It is submitted that claims 2, 4 to 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 18 to 23, 26 to 28, 32, 34 to 36, and 38 to 41 are also generic to both the species of Figures 1 and the species of Figure 8, while claims 3, 11, 16, 25, and 37 are readable on the elected species.

Therefore, it is submitted that the claims elected by virtue of the foregoing election of the species of Figure 1 are claims 1 to 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 to 23, 25 to 28, 32, and 34 to 41.

Non-elected claims 7, 10, 14, 17, and 24 each depend from an elected generic claim. Claim 7 depends from generic claim 6, claim 10 depends from generic claim 9, claim 14 depends from generic claim 13, and claim 24 depends from generic claim 23 (also depending from claim 13). It is submitted that, upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of any remaining non-elected claim which depends from an allowable claim.

Further examination on the merits of elected claims 1 to 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 to 23, 25 to 28, 32, and 34 to 41 is respectfully requested. In this regard, it is noted that several of these claims were indicated to be allowable in the first Office Action of December 12, 2006 (claims 2, 3, 11, 15, 16, 34 to 36, and 39 to 41), and it is assumed that these claims are still allowable. It is also believed that the other claims should be allowable over the references cited in the first Office Action for the reasons stated in the previously filed amendment as filed on March 9 and March 21, 2007. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above Remarks or believes that a telephone conversation may be useful in advancing prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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